

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

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1. *Board of County Commissioners of Atoka County v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.*
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Defendants McKesson Corporation, AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, and Cardinal Health, Inc. (collectively, “Distributor Defendants”) submit this Opposition to the Joint Motion for Leave to File a Motion Seeking Suggestion of Remand (“Motion”) filed by Oklahoma municipalities (“Plaintiffs”) in the 55 above-captioned cases. Dkt. No. 4388.

Plaintiffs argue that they should be permitted to file motions for suggestions of remand or motions to remand, because “[i]t is unclear . . . whether the Court is independently addressing other pending remand motions” or the remand motions already pending in their cases. Motion at 6. In its April 26, 2022 Order, however, the Court expressed its intent to address pending remand motions in the MDL in “in tranches, starting with the oldest filings.” Dkt. No. 4389. To that end, the Court set a briefing schedule for 20 of the earliest-filed remand motions in cases in the MDL. *Id.* Supplementary briefing on remand in these 20 cases will conclude on May 24, 2022, after which the issue as to those 20 cases will be ripe for decision.

Under this phased approach and subject to the Court’s direction, the remand motions pending in Plaintiffs’ cases will be briefed and decided in due course. In addition, the Court has since issued a ruling on the Oklahoma Plaintiffs’ motion to extend their deadlines under the July 23, 2021 CMO, granting these Plaintiffs a 140-day extension to those deadlines. Dkt. No. 4427. Accordingly, Plaintiffs’ Motion should be denied as moot.

For these reasons, Distributor Defendants respectfully request that the Court deny Plaintiffs’ Joint Motion for Leave to File a Motion Seeking Suggestion of Remand.

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